Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System

Description	FY 2002 Approved	FY 2003 Proposed	% Change
Operating Budget	\$74,600,000	\$68,900,000	-7.6

The mission of the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters Retirement System is to provide for the District's required contribution to this retirement plan, which is administered by the District of Columbia Retirement Board.

The amount of the contribution is determined by an actuary who submits a certified report through the Retirement Board to the Mayor.

Where the Money Comes From

Table FD0-1 shows the various sources of funding for the amounts.

Table FD0-1

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change From FY 2002
Local	39,900	49,000	74,600	68,900	-5,700
Gross Funds	39,900	49,000	74,600	68,900	-5,700

How the Money Is Allocated

Table FD0-2 shows the FY 2003 proposed budget for the agency at the Comptroller Source Group level (Object Class level).

Table FD0-2

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Subsidies And Transfers	39,900	49,000	74,600	68,900	-5,700
Non-personal Services	39,900	49,000	74,600	68,900	-5,700
Total Proposed Operating Budget	39,900	49,000	74,600	68,900	-5,700

Local Funds

The proposed Local budget is \$68,900,000, a decrease of \$5,700,000 or 7.6 percent from the FY 2002 approved budget of \$74,600,000. There are no full time equivalents (FTEs) associated with this budget, which represents no change from FY 2002.

The significant change is as follows:

Despite a decrease from FY 2002, the budget represents full funding of the amount calculated by the actuary as being the required District contribution for FY 2003. In FY 2002, additional funding beyond the amount calculated as the District contribution by the actuary had been budgeted for several approved benefits enhancements. These included an increase in the annuity for the children of deceased police officers and firefighters; an amount for service longevity payments for police officers pursuant to the 1999 Police Recruiting and Retention Enhancement Act, and an amount for the 2000 Police Officers and Fire Fighters Survival Annuity Adjustment Act.

Programs

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, the federal government assumed the District's unfunded pension liability for the retirement plans of teachers, police officers, firefighters and judges. Pursuant to the act, the federal government pays the future retirement, death, and a share of disability payments for employees for service accrued prior to June 30, 1997, the freeze date. Benefits earned subsequently remain the responsibility of the District of Columbia.